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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday, the 15th March 1952.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past two of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Companies running a fleet of 20 buses.

* 70 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the various companies (public or private) or partnership firms that were formed in the various districts of the Madras State from January 1946 with a view to constitute a fleet of 20 buses to carry on motor transport as required by the Government Order on the subject;

(*b*) which of them have gone into liquidation;

(*c*) which of them have disintegrated by the system of "opting out" announced by the Government in 1946 or 1947; and

(*d*) which of them are still surviving?

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) to (*d*) A statement[a] showing the particulars required in clauses (*a*) to (*d*) of the question is laid on the table of the House."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Sir, will the Government consider the desirability of fixing the maximum number of buses in the various districts seeing the increase in the number of buses in the last five years? Would the Government fix a maximum which any company or individual can own?"

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" No maximum number is fixed so far. But anyhow we will consider the question."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Will it not be expedient, Sir, to fix the maximum instead of allowing certain people to have a monopoly of transport in the various districts?"

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" The Government will consider the question."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 26–32 infra

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Did the Government examine, Sir, why these companies had to go into liquidation? Have they gone into the whole question in view of the importance of transport? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" In 1946 the Government introduced a system of a fleet of 20 buses. In 1947, the Government broke the monopoly and allowed small people with three buses. So, some have gone into liqudation."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have the Government examined the repercussions of the frequent changes of their policy before they arrived at the present system? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" This system has been welcomed by the people."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, have not many suffered on account of this change as the Hon. Minister himself said? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" I have no information, Sir. I will call for it."

Individuals or firms running a fleet of 20 buses or more before 1946.

* 71 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of individuals or firms, who had a fleet of 20 buses or more before 1st January 1946 in the various districts of the Madras State; and

(*b*) how many buses and other motor vehicles the said individuals or firms now own, that is, on 1st July 1951?

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] showing the names of individuals or firms who had a fleet of 20 buses or more before 1st January 1946 in the various districts of the Madras State and the number of buses and other motor vehicles they now own, i.e., as on 1st July 1951, is laid on the table of the House."

State Advisory Council on the Development of Higher Technological Education.

* 72 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have at any time considered the desirability of setting up a State Advisory Council on the Development of Higher Technological Education with a view to review progress from time to time and make recommendations to Government?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes. In 1947 the Government set up a Standing Advisory Board of Technical

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 33–35 infra.